GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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GRADING OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that health insurers are seeking grading of private hospitals and regulate their charges;

(b) if so, whether the Government has set up any committee to look into the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the findings of the committee and the agency responsible for implementation of the same; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure charging of legitimate treatment amount by the private hospitals and better facilities by them to the patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has set up a Task Force in January 2004, with a view to promoting India as a Health Destination for persons across the globe, so as to gainfully utilize the health care expertise & infrastructure available in the country. The terms of Reference of the Task Force are as follows:

To assess the opportunities for promoting India as a Health Destination and to recommend specific types of health facilities which can be made available for this purpose,

To recommend action to be taken by the Central Government, State Government, Industry, Educational Institutions etc for gainfully utilizing these opportunities,

To specifically recommend about
(i) super-speciality medical care,
(ii) out-sourcing of medical services to Indian IT based Institutes, and
(iii) traditional medicine expertise available in the country.

However, no formal proposal is under consideration from the health insurers seeking grading of private hospitals and regulates their charges.